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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed within three months of the filing date of a National Application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

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The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached French Search Report. As shown in the patent family search attached to the search report, U.S. Patent No. 6,171,936 and U.S. Publication No. 2001006249 A1 correspond to document WO 99 14804, and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,221,413 and 5,442,205 correspond to document EP 0 514 018 A, both cited in the French Search Report.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

For the relevance of the listed non-English language reference, the examiner's attention is drawn to the enclosed French Search Report, wherein the document DE 36 17 927 A has been placed in category "A", meaning that, in the opinion of the French Searching Authority, it relates to the general technological field of the invention.

PART IV: Remarks

A copy of any document cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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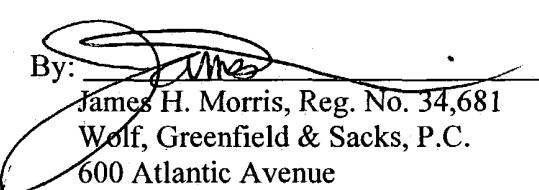
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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